



Prune to maintain pre-existing light levels

Additional Information

- Once we receive your completed application, you will be contacted to organise a site inspection with a Council arborist.
- All costs of solar pruning are to be borne by the person requesting the work. After the site inspection and if the proposed works have been approved, the applicant will be notified in writing of the costs. Payment of these monies is required before any works are scheduled.
- The processing period for applications is approximately 30 working days from the payment of the outstanding balance.
- Notification of application to adjoining residents may be required if a request will significantly affect the surrounding landscape character of an area.
- A Tree Preservation Order applies to all trees in the Municipality of Woollahra with a spread of branches greater than three metres and also on all trees, irrespective of the spread of branches, with a height greater than five metres.
- This Order prohibits the ringbarking, cutting down, topping, lopping, pruning, removing, transplanting, injuring or wilful destruction of such trees, except with the prior written consent of the Council.
- Solar prune work will only be carried out by Council staff or Council's contractors.
- Council reserves the right to refuse an application to solar prune a tree, even where all the criteria have been met, if the requested pruning would be detrimental to the health or structure of the tree. Refusal on one occasion will not preclude the applicant from making another application up to two years from the date of the original refusal.
- Trees located in parks may be pruned if complying criteria has been met.
- Applications will **ONLY** be accepted by property owners. Council will not accept applications from tenants.
- Applications may not be accepted if the subject tree has previous history from another applicant.
- All pruning works are carried out in accordance with Australian Standard AS4373-2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees and WorkCover Code of Practice 'Amenity Tree Industry', 1998.